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DEVIL

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DAREDEVIL

DROP THOSE
GLOVES,
MASKED MAN!

YOU'RE NOT
STEPPING INTO THE
RING--UNTIL YOU'VE
SETTLED WITH
KRAGG!

BUT I'VE
GOT TO MAKE
THIS FIGHT--I'VE
GOT TO--!

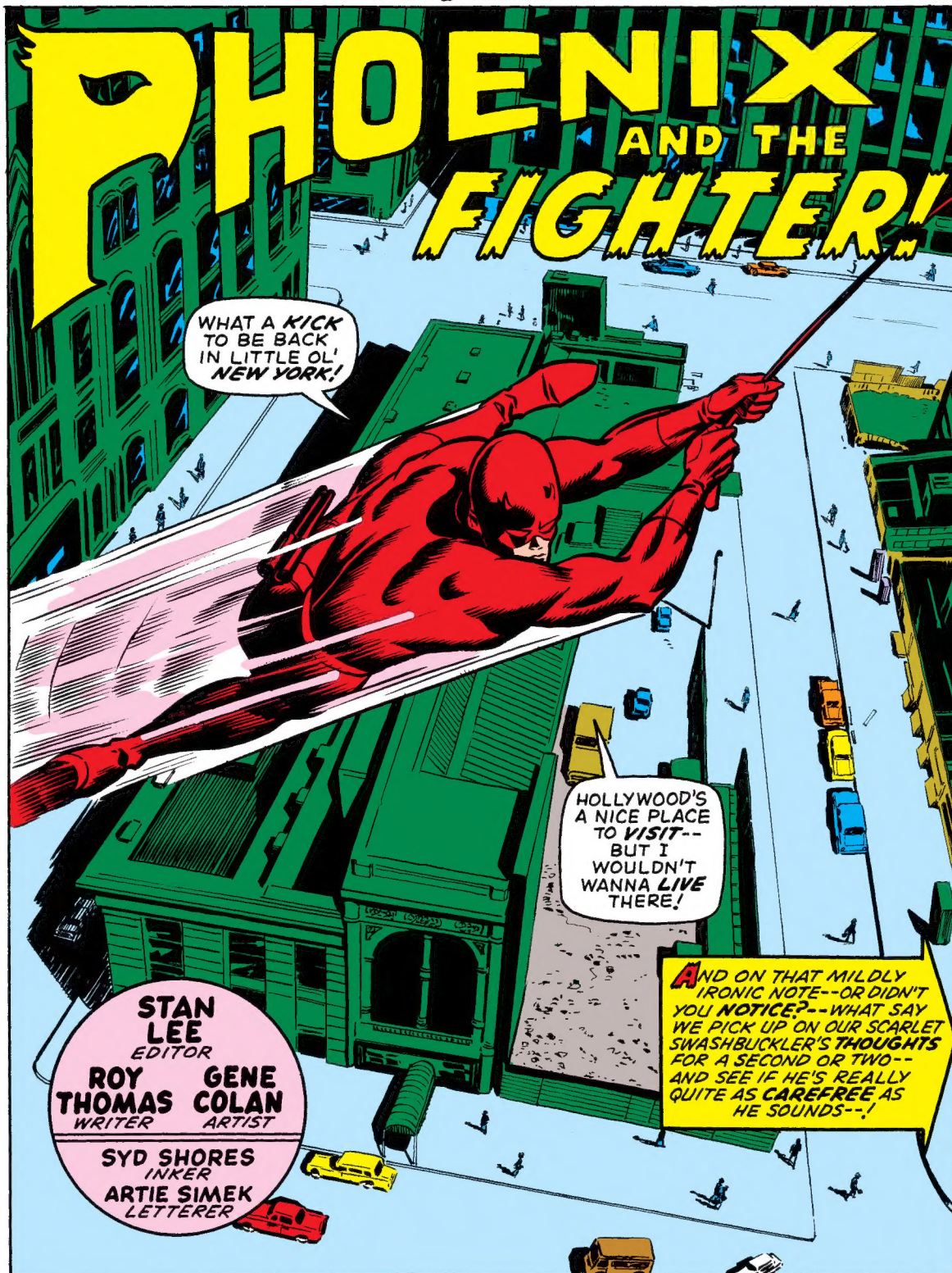
--OR AN
INNOCENT
MAN GOES
BLIND!!

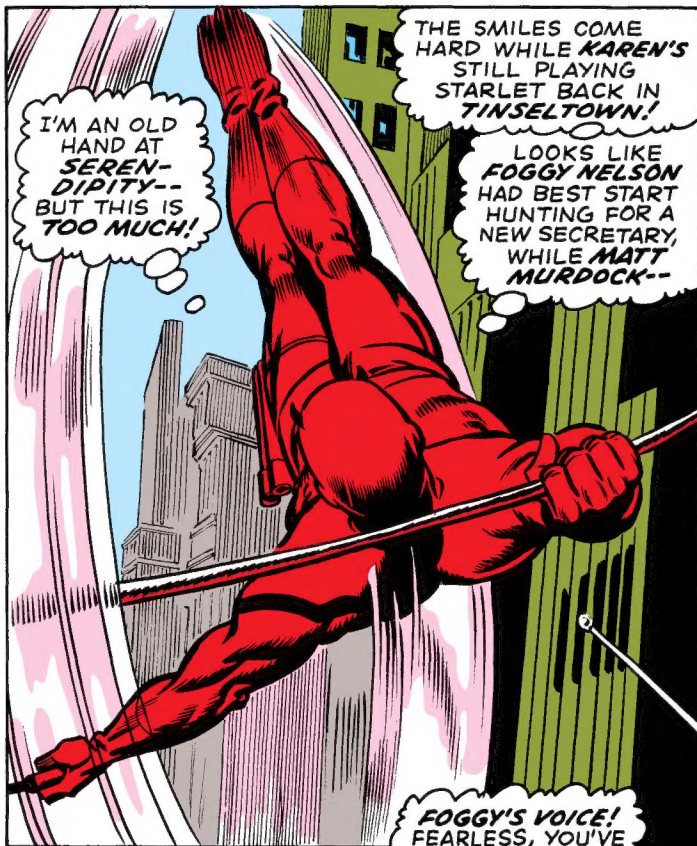
MARVEL
COMICS
GROUP



THE PHOENIX--THE FIGHTER--AND THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™





I'M AN OLD HAND AT *SEREN-DIPITY*-- BUT THIS IS *TOO MUCH!*

THE SMILES COME HARD WHILE *KAREN'S* STILL PLAYING STARLET BACK IN *TINSEL TOWN!*

LOOKS LIKE *FOGGY NELSON* HAD BEST START HUNTING FOR A NEW SECRETARY, WHILE *MATT MURDOCK*--

FOGGY'S VOICE! FEARLESS, YOU'VE LUCKED OUT AGAIN!



WHAT, DD.? WHAT DO YOU DO--WHEN THE LADY YOU LOVE TELLS YOU TO TAKE A *LONG, SLOW TRIP?*



COOL IT, MURDOCK! FOR THE MOMENT, BETTER WORRY LESS ABOUT *ROMANCE*-- AND MORE ABOUT YOUR *RADAR SENSE!*

OUR FIGHTIN' D.A.'S OFFICE IS JUST AHEAD --ON THE *20TH FLOOR* OF CITY HALL!

WOULDN'T WANNA HIT THE *21ST STORY* BY MISTAKE, AND WIND UP MEDIATING A *GARBAGE STRIKE!*



BUT--SOUNDS LIKE HE'S HAVING *WORDS* WITH SOMEBODY--WHO'S FIRING 'EM RIGHT BACK AT HIM!

MIGHT AS WELL GET BACK IN PRACTICE AS *FOGGY'S ASSISTANT*--BY DOING A LITTLE *EAVESDROPPING!*

I'M WARNING YOU, SHYSTER-- YOU BETTER KEEP OFF MY BACK!



AND I'M WARNING YOU, KRAGG--YOU AND YOUR MUSCLE-BOYS HERE!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU CALL YOURSELVES THE NEW LEFT, THE FAR RIGHT, OR THE CHERRY CENTER!

THE PEOPLE ELECTED ME--AND I'LL DO WHAT I HAVE TO DO!

THOSE WORDS WOULD MAKE A FINE EPITAPH, MR. D.A....



...CONSIDERING THERE ARE THREE OF US, TO YOUR ONE!

NOW, DO YOU SWEAR YOU'LL STOP HOUNDING US, OR DO I--

LET--GO--OF--ME--KRAGG!



YOU HEARD THE MAN, FELLA!

GET YOUR PAWS OFF HIS STYLISHLY WIDE LAPELS!

DARE-DEVIL!



NOBODY TELLS KRAGG WHAT TO DO, YOU--

OWW!

DON'T HURT HIM, DD! HE DOESN'T DESERVE THE FREE PUBLICITY!

WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT, MR. D.A..!

NOW SCAT, RAT!

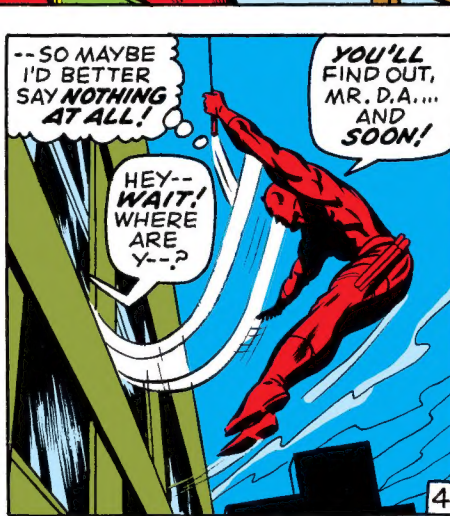
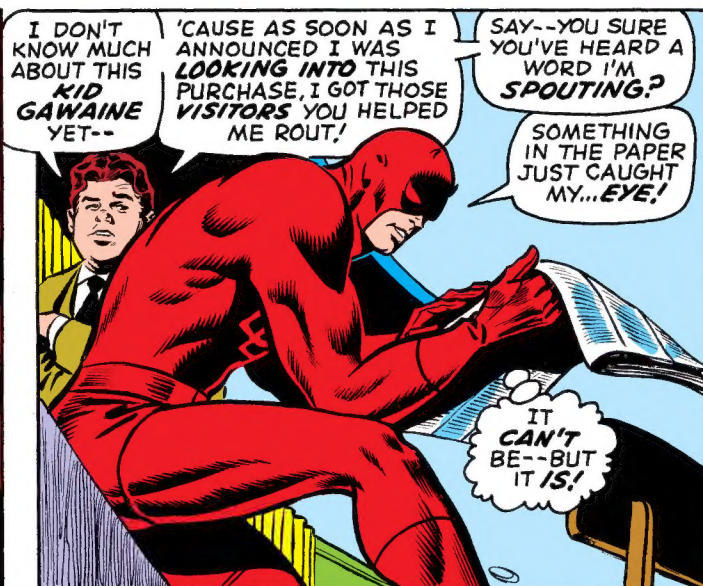


WE'RE GOING--BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF US, EITHER OF YOU!

I'M SURE WE WILL, MISTER--

YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM US AGAIN!

--SOMETIME WHEN THE ODDS ARE A BIT BETTER THAN THREE-TO-TWO, NO DOUBT!



SOME TIME LATER, ON A LONG ISLAND SIDE ROAD...

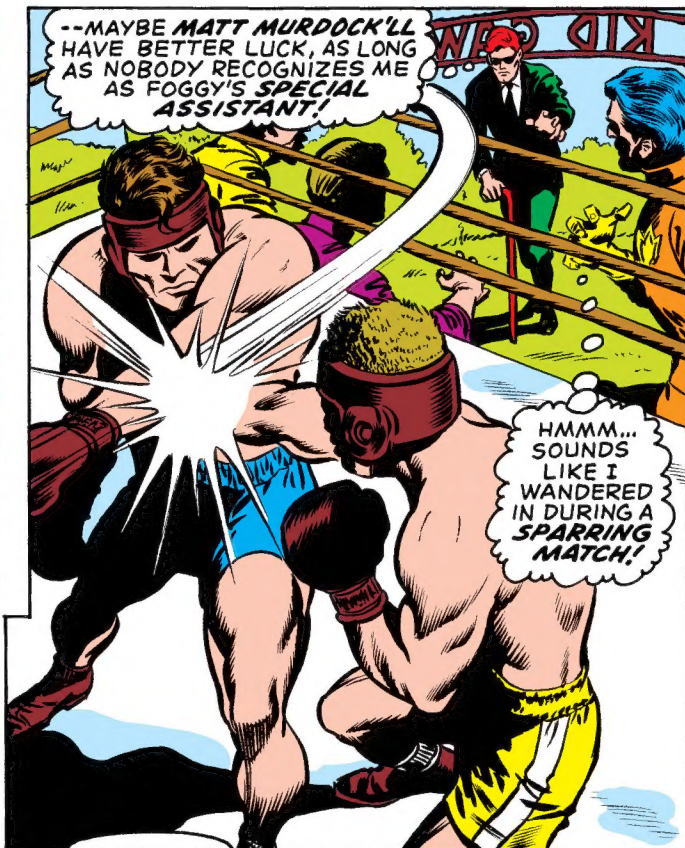
I DON'T **BLAME** FOGGY FOR INVESTIGATING THIS WHOLE SCENE!

POLITICS AND PRIZE-FIGHTING ARE **STRANGE** BEDFELLOWS, AT BEST!

I'D BET MY LAST SAWBUCK THAT **POP** IS CLEAN--AND THAT THE **REST** OF THE SET-UP REEKS TO HIGH HEAVEN!

BUT, SINCE THEY WOULDN'T EXACTLY ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR **DAREDEVIL**--

KID GAWAINE
TRAINING CAMP
1 MILE



--MAYBE **MATT MURDOCK**'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK, AS LONG AS NOBODY RECOGNIZES ME AS FOGGY'S **SPECIAL ASSISTANT**!

HMMM... SOUNDS LIKE I WANDERED IN DURING A **SPARRING MATCH**!



I DUNNO WHO THAT CLOWN **IS**--BUT I VOTE WE TOSS 'IM OUT ON HIS **EAR**!

YOU KNOW WHAT **KRAGG** SAID! **NO VISITORS**!

AW, COME OFF IT! CAN'T YA SEE THE POOR SAPI'S **BLIND**?

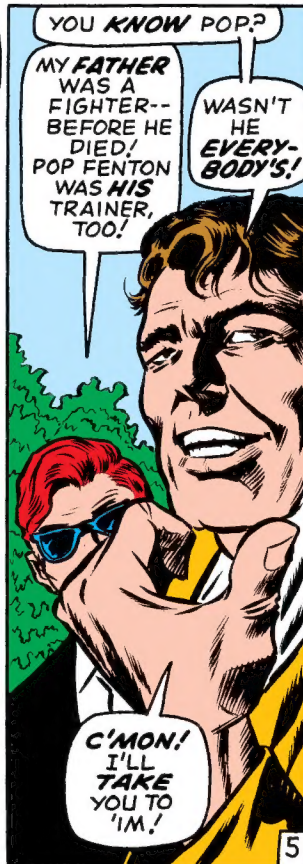
YEAH! WHAT HARM CAN A GUY LIKE THAT DO TO **PHOENIX**?

WE'LL **SEE**, GUY... NOW THAT THE BOUT'S **ENDING**!

...I SAW YOU **DIGGIN'** THE **SOUNDS**, MISTER! ANYTHING I CAN **DO** FOR YOU?

THEY CALL ME **KID GAWAINE**!

I'M LOOKING FOR **POP FENTON**...!

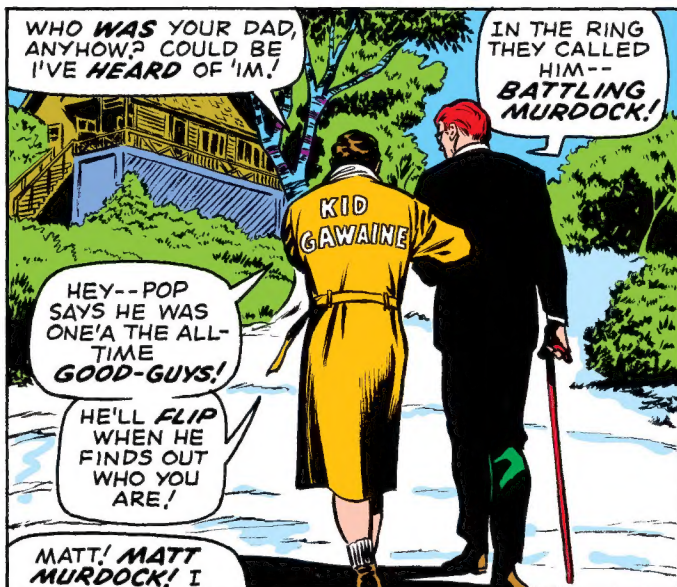


YOU **KNOW** POP?

MY **FATHER** WAS A FIGHTER--BEFORE HE **DIED**! **POP FENTON** WAS HIS **TRAINER**, TOO!

WASN'T HE **EVERY-BODY'S**!

C'MON! I'LL **TAKE** YOU TO 'IM!



WHO **WAS** YOUR DAD, ANYHOW? COULD BE I'VE **HEARD** OF 'IM!

IN THE RING THEY CALLED HIM-- **BATTLING MURDOCK!**

HEY--POP SAYS HE WAS ONE'A THE ALL-TIME **GOOD-GUYS!**

HE'LL **FLIP** WHEN HE FINDS OUT WHO YOU ARE!

MATT! **MATT MURDOCK!** I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU **RIGHT OFF!**

'COURSE, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR **YEARS--**NOT SINCE YOUR--I MEAN--

IT'S **OKAY, POP!** I GOT OVER BEING **SENSITIVE** ABOUT MY **BLINDNESS** A LONG TIME AGO!

KID **GAWAINE**

I WENT INTO **LAW** AFTER DAD DIED--BUT THEN, I'M SURE YOU **KNOW** THAT!



HI, KID! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO--

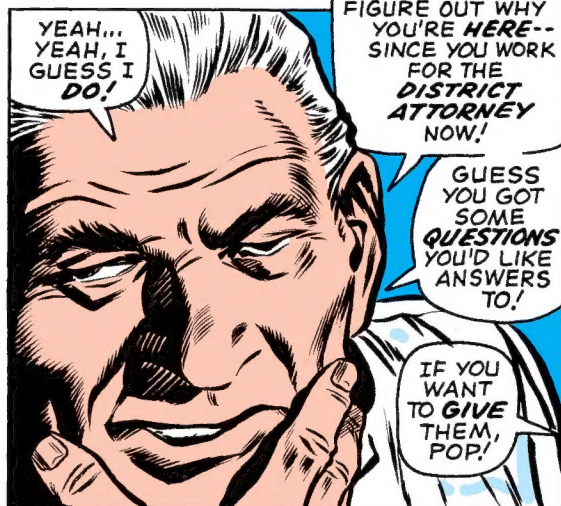
LATER, POP! FELLA HERE SAYS YOU TAUGHT **HIS DAD** A LOTTA BAD HABITS, JUST LIKE YOU **DID ME!**

HUH? WHO--?

JUST LIKE I CAN FIGURE OUT WHY YOU'RE **HERE--** SINCE YOU WORK FOR THE **DISTRICT ATTORNEY** NOW!

GUESS YOU GOT SOME **QUESTIONS** YOU'D LIKE ANSWERS TO!

IF YOU WANT TO **GIVE** THEM, POP!



YEAH... YEAH, I GUESS I **DO!**



ALL RIGHT...I'LL MAKE IT **SHORT AND SWEET!**

THE KID'S **CLEAN,** MATT-- NO **DIVES,** NO **FIXES!**

THAT'S WHAT I **WANTED** TO HEAR!



BUT THIS **PHOENIX** CROWD THAT BOUGHT HIM IS ROTTEN AS A **WORMY APPLE!**

I DON'T KNOW **WHAT** THEY'RE SETTING THE KID UP FOR--BUT YOU CAN BET IT'S **BIG!**

POP! YOU GOT NO **RIGHT** TO--

IT'S THE **TRUTH,** KID--AND IT'S HIGH TIME YOU **KNEW** IT!



WHAT? YOU LET THE KID **WALK OFF** WITH SOMEBODY?

WHAT'D HE **LOOK** LIKE? **TELL ME!**

YOUNG GUY-- **RED HAIR!**

BUT HE WAS **BLIND,** KRAGG--HE COULDN'T--



YOU BUMBLING
OX! THAT WAS
MATT MURDOCK
--THE D.A.'S
PRIZE STOOGES!

TWO
OF YOU--
COME
WITH ME!
MAYBE
THERE'S
STILL
TIME!

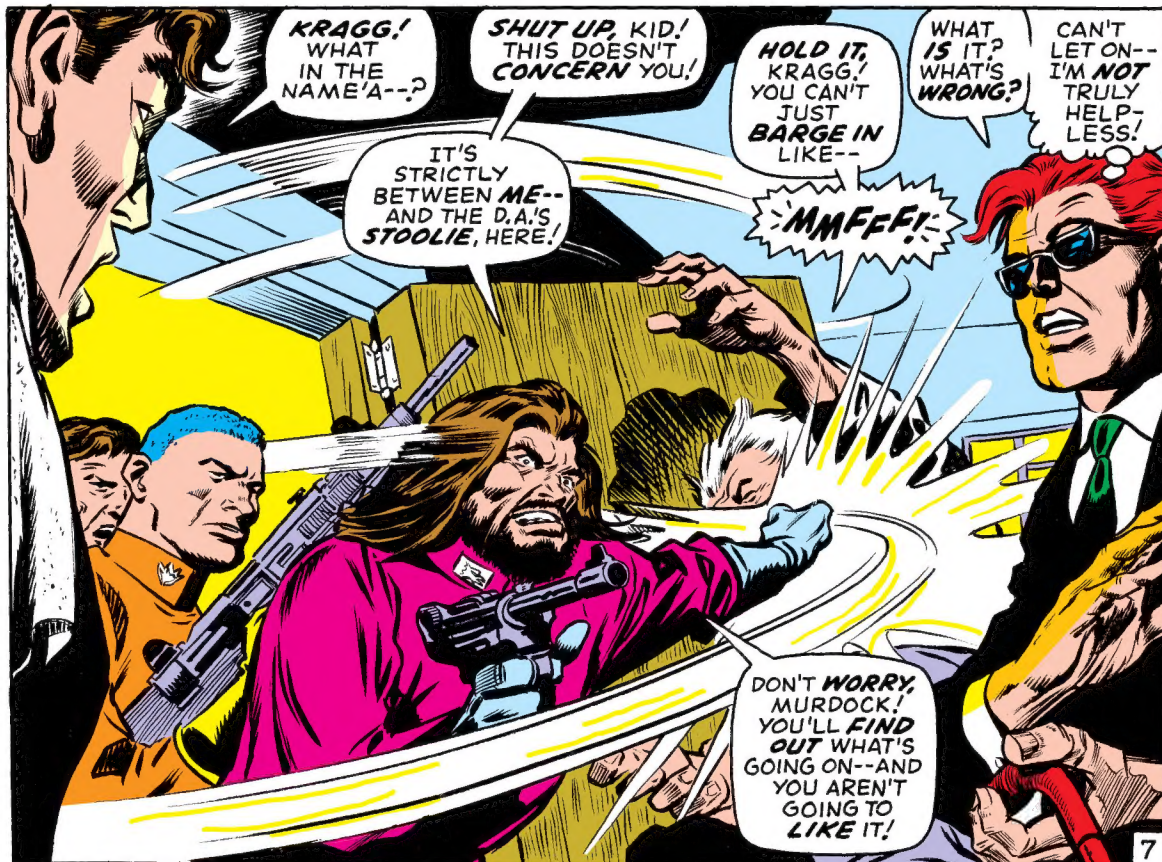


I DON'T GET IT,
KRAGG! WHAT
CAN GO WRONG
NOW?

PLENTY, YOU FOOL--
IF KID GAWAINE
STARTS TO FIGURE
WE'RE NOT ON THE
UP-AND-UP!

I KNOW HIS KIND!
HE MIGHT EVEN QUIT
BOXING--AND WE'VE
GOT A BUNDLE
INVESTED IN HIM!

NOBODY'S
GONNA STOP
THAT INVEST-
MENT FROM
PAYING OFF!
YOU HEAR ME?
NOBODY!



KRAGG!
WHAT
IN THE
NAME 'A--?

SHUT UP, KID!
THIS DOESN'T
CONCERN YOU!

HOLD IT,
KRAGG!
YOU CAN'T
JUST
BARGE IN
LIKE--

WHAT
IS IT?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

CAN'T LET ON--
I'M NOT
TRULY
HELP-
LESS!

IT'S
STRICTLY
BETWEEN ME--
AND THE D.A.'S
STOOLIE, HERE!

MMFFF!

DON'T WORRY,
MURDOCK!
YOU'LL FIND
OUT WHAT'S
GOING ON--AND
YOU AREN'T
GOING TO
LIKE IT!



POP!
YOU DIRTY
CRUMB--
YOU HIT
POP!

GET
OUTTA
HERE--
AND I
MEAN
NOW!!



I NEVER
WORRIED
MUCH ABOUT
WHO OWNED
ME--AS LONG
AS I GOT
TO FIGHT!

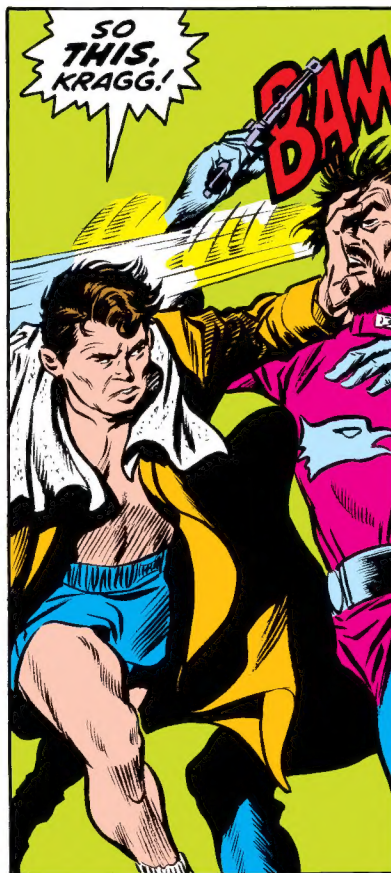
BUT IF YOU
THINK YOU CREEPS
CAN PUSH ME
AROUND--AND
POP--AND A
GUY LIKE
MURDOCK--

YOU GOT
ANOTHER
THINK
COMIN'!



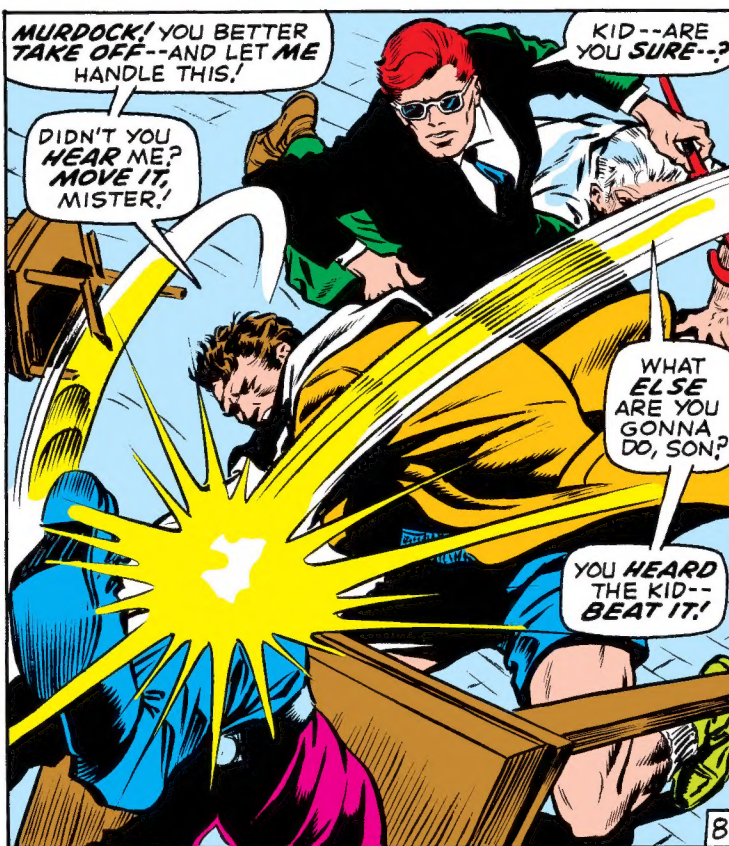
AND LET MURDOCK
BE! CAN'T YOU SEE
HE'S BLIND?

SO
WHAT,
KID?



SO
THIS,
KRAGG!

BAM



MURDOCK! YOU BETTER
TAKE OFF--AND LET ME
HANDLE THIS!

KID--ARE
YOU SURE--?

DIDN'T YOU
HEAR ME?
MOVE IT,
MISTER!

WHAT
ELSE
ARE YOU
GONNA
DO, SON?

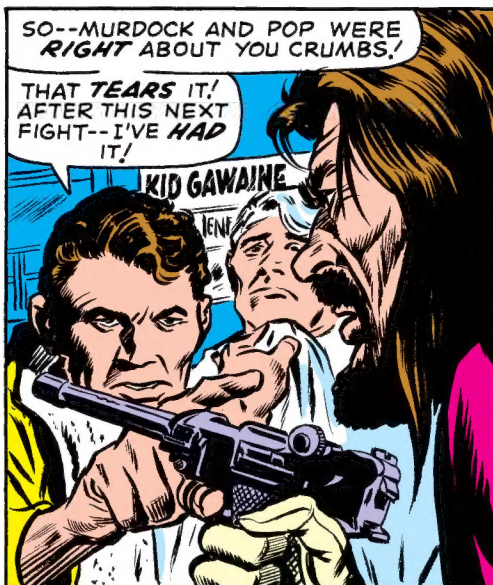
YOU HEARD
THE KID--
BEAT IT!



I HATE SPLITTING LIKE THIS!

LUCKILY, KRAGG WON'T RISK HURTING HIS GOLD MINE!

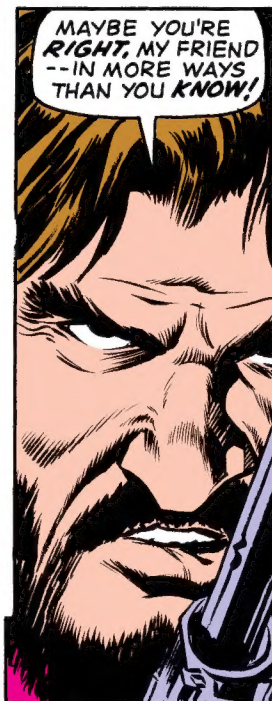
ALSO LUCKILY, NOBODY CAN SEE I'M A BIT MORE SPY THAN I LET ON!



SO--MURDOCK AND POP WERE RIGHT ABOUT YOU CRUMBS!

THAT TEARS IT! AFTER THIS NEXT FIGHT--I'VE HAD IT!

KID GAWAINE



MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, MY FRIEND --IN MORE WAYS THAN YOU KNOW!

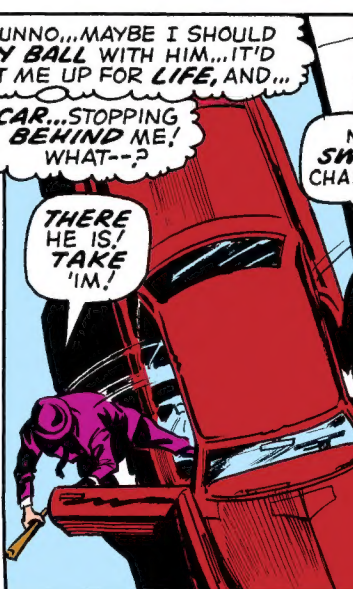


THE NEXT EVENING, IN MANHATTAN...

HADDA GET AWAY FROM THE CAMP FOR A WHILE... THINK THINGS THRU!

NOW I KNOW THAT KRAGG WANTS ME TO TAKE A DIVE--

--SO HE CAN MAKE A FORTUNE FOR HIS SO-CALLED "CAUSE" BY BETTING LIKE CRAZY AGAINST ME!



I DUNNO...MAYBE I SHOULD PLAY BALL WITH HIM...IT'D SET ME UP FOR LIFE, AND...

CAR...STOPPING BEHIND ME! WHAT--?

THERE HE IS! TAKE 'IM!

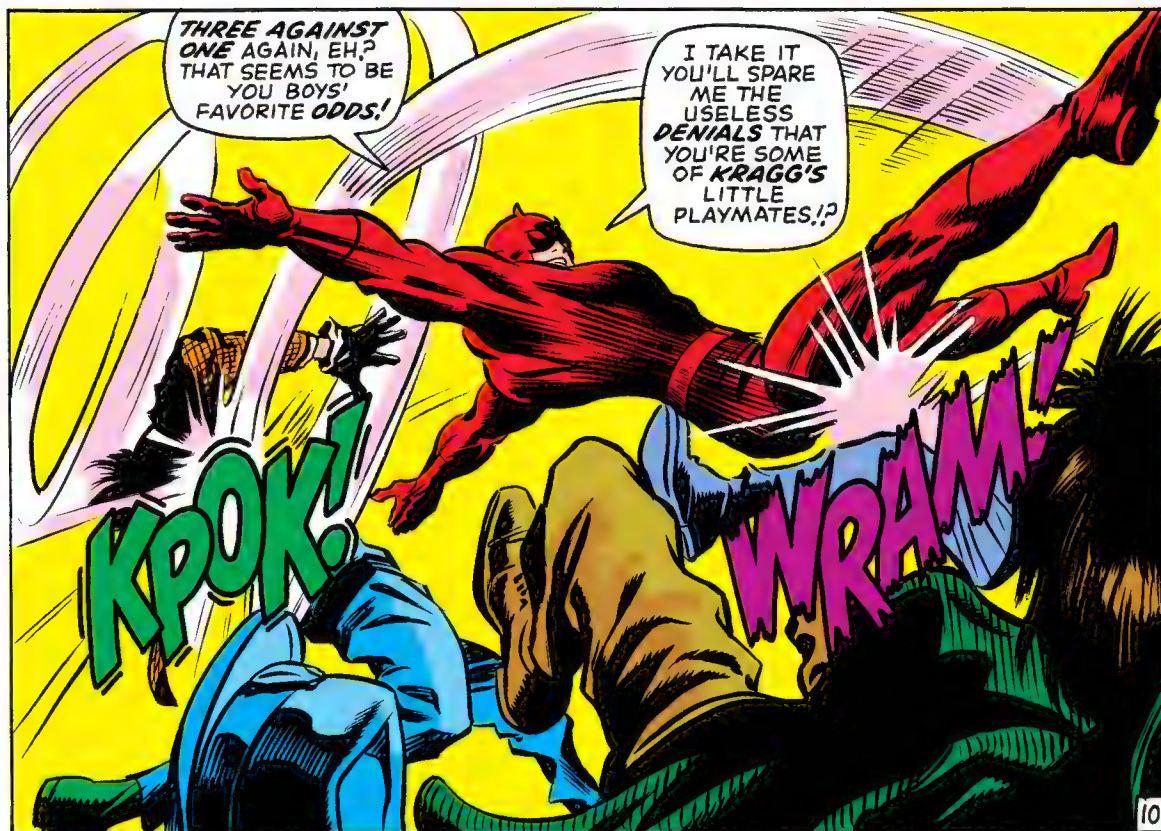
NO SWEAT, CHARLIE--



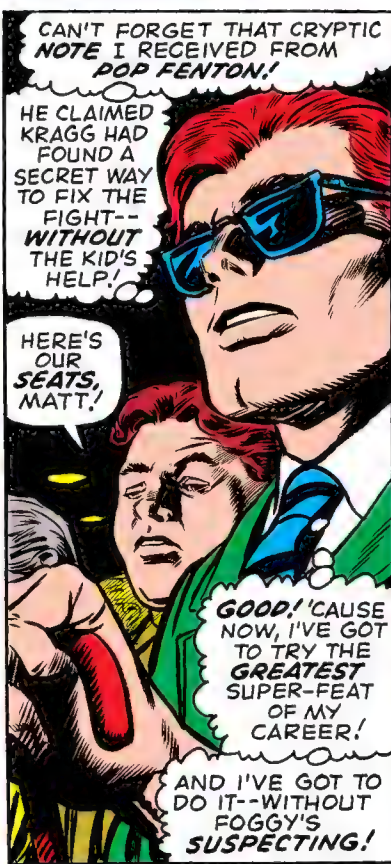
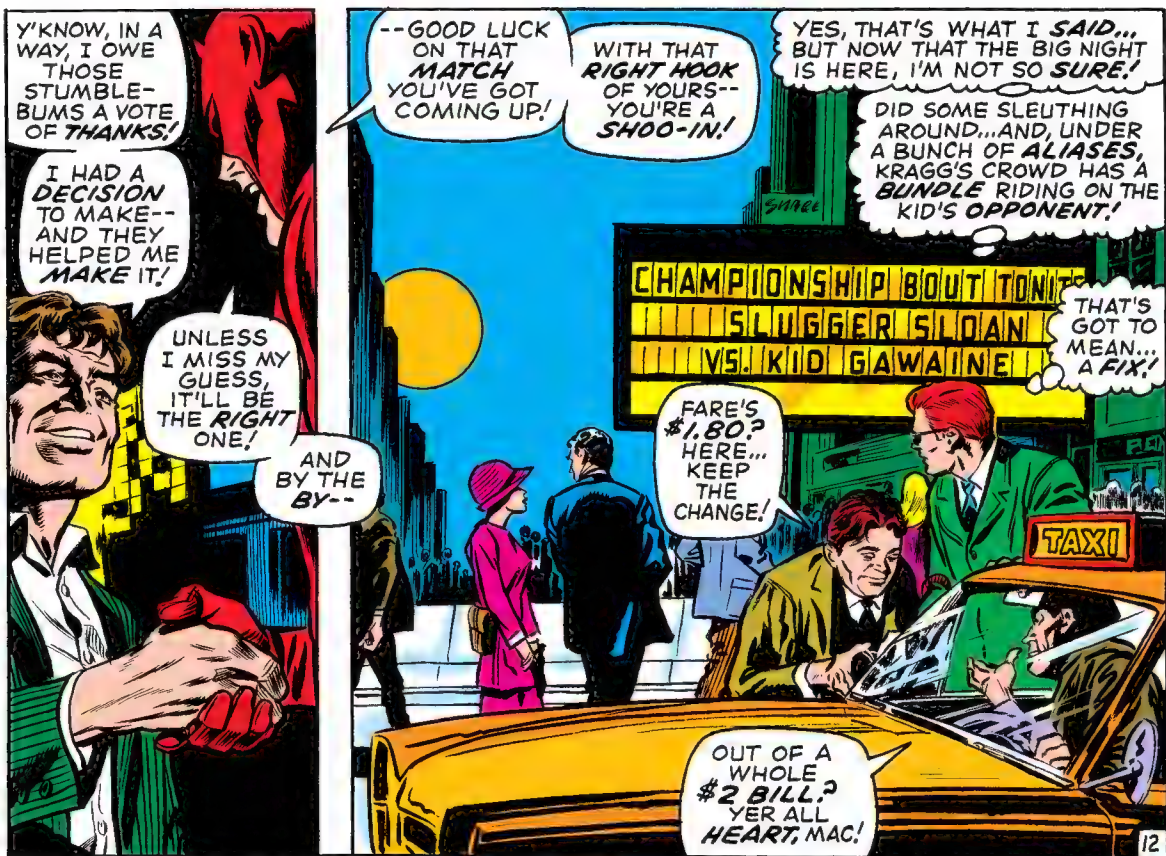
--HE'S TAKEN!

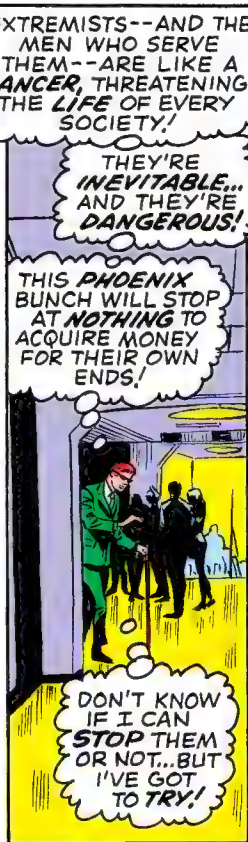
WATCH IT! THE BOSS JUST SAID TO SOFTEN 'IM UP A LITTLE!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE A HOSPITAL CASE OUT OF 'IM!





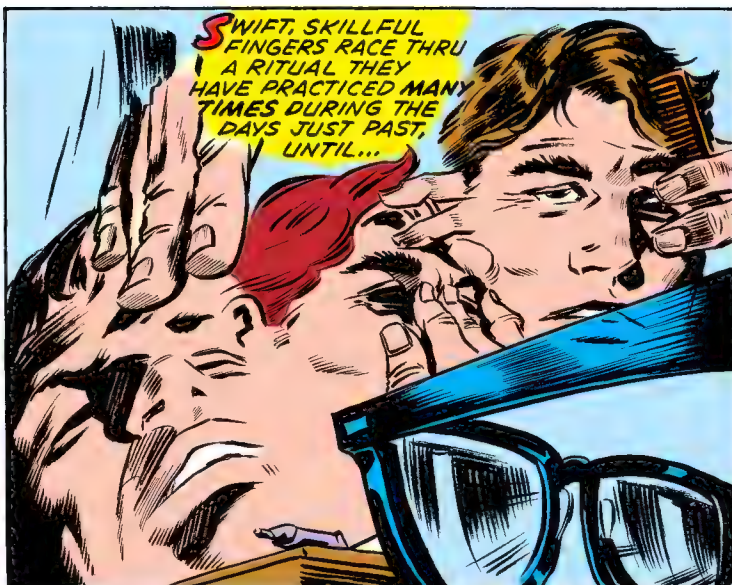




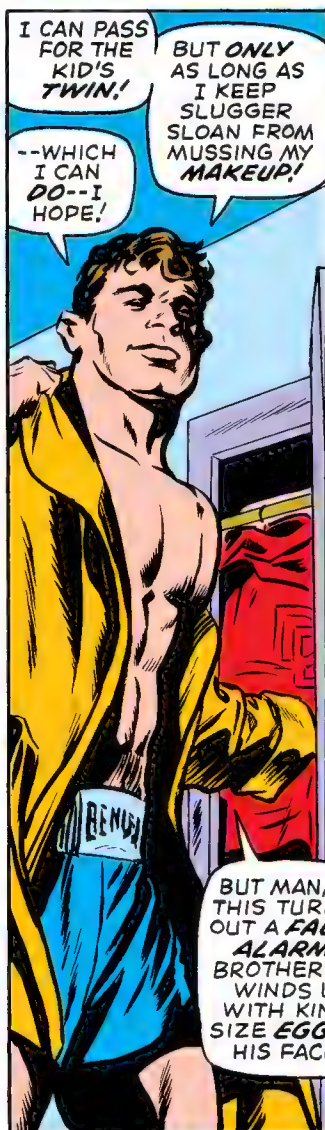


WELL,
NO DOUBT
I'LL
LEARN
SOON
ENOUGH...

...WHEN I
TAKE THE
KID'S
PLACE IN
THE RING!



SWIFT, SKILLFUL
FINGERS RACE THRU
A RITUAL THEY
HAVE PRACTICED MANY
TIMES DURING THE
DAYS JUST PAST,
UNTIL...



I CAN PASS
FOR THE
KID'S
TWIN!

--WHICH
I CAN
DO--
I HOPE!

BUT **ONLY**
AS LONG AS
I KEEP
SLUGGER
SLOAN FROM
MUSSING MY
MAKEUP!

BUT MAN, IF
THIS TURNS
OUT A **FALSE**
ALARM--
BROTHER **DD**
WINDS UP
WITH KING-
SIZE **EGG** ON
HIS FACE!



IT'S **HERE**, AT LAST--
THE MOMENT I'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR--
PLANNING FOR!

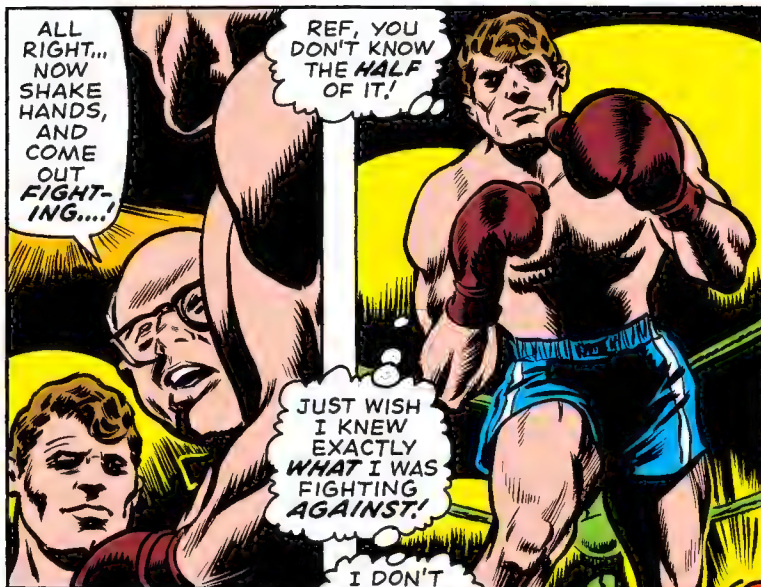
BUT IT WILL
BE **WORTH** IT
ALL--WHEN,
UNKNOWN TO
ANY, IT CAUSES
KID GAWAINE
TO **LOSE** THIS
MATCH!

THAT YOUNG FOOL
IS A HEAVY
FAVORITE! WHEN
HE FALLS, I'LL
HAVE THE **RICHES**
I REQUIRE--

--TO FORWARD MY
POLITICAL AIMS--
TILL I POSSESS THE
POWER WHICH IS MY
REAL **ULTIMATE AIM!**

YEAH, KRAGG
--THE KID'S
SHAKIN'
HANDS
WITH THE
CHAMP NOW!

IT WASN'T
EASY
GETTIN'
THIS
VANTAGE
POINT--
AND
SNEAKIN'
IN OUR
LITTLE
TOY DIS-
GUISED
AS A TV
CAMERA!

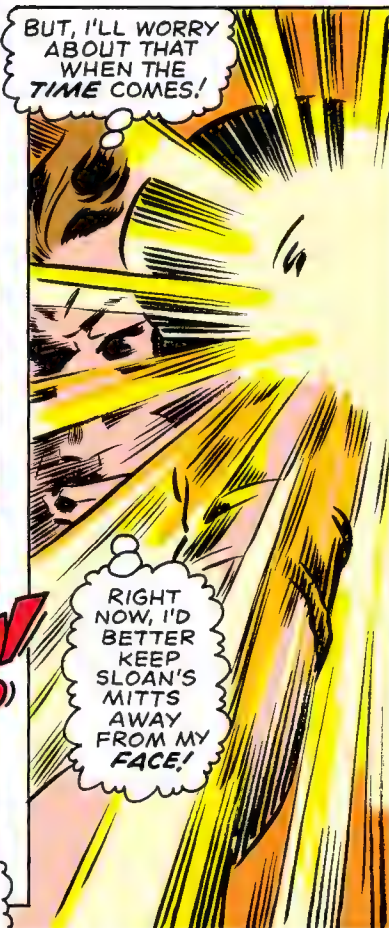


ALL RIGHT...
NOW
SHAKE
HANDS,
AND
COME
OUT
FIGHT-
ING....!

REF, YOU
DON'T KNOW
THE HALF
OF IT!

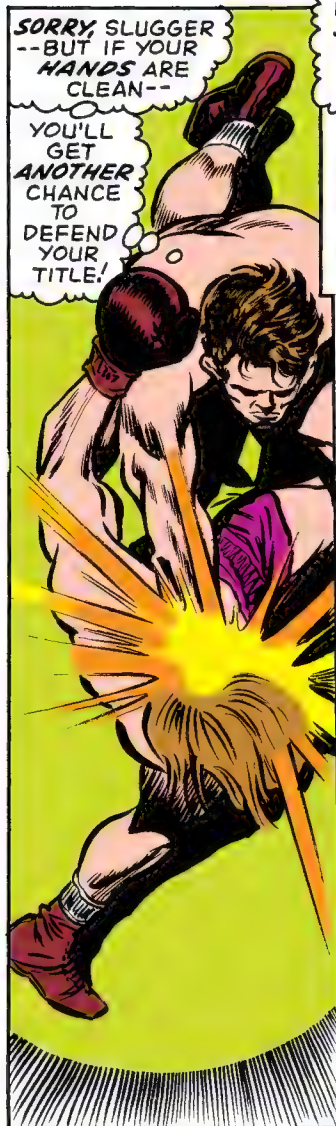
JUST WISH
I KNEW
EXACTLY
WHAT I WAS
FIGHTING
AGAINST!

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
IF **SLUGGER**
SLOAN IS
IN ON THE
FIX OR
NOT!



BUT, I'LL WORRY
ABOUT THAT
WHEN THE
TIME COMES!

RIGHT
NOW, I'D
BETTER
KEEP
SLOAN'S
MITTS
AWAY
FROM MY
FACE!



SORRY, SLUGGER
--BUT IF YOUR
HANDS ARE
CLEAN--

YOU'LL
GET
ANOTHER
CHANCE
TO
DEFEND
YOUR
TITLE!

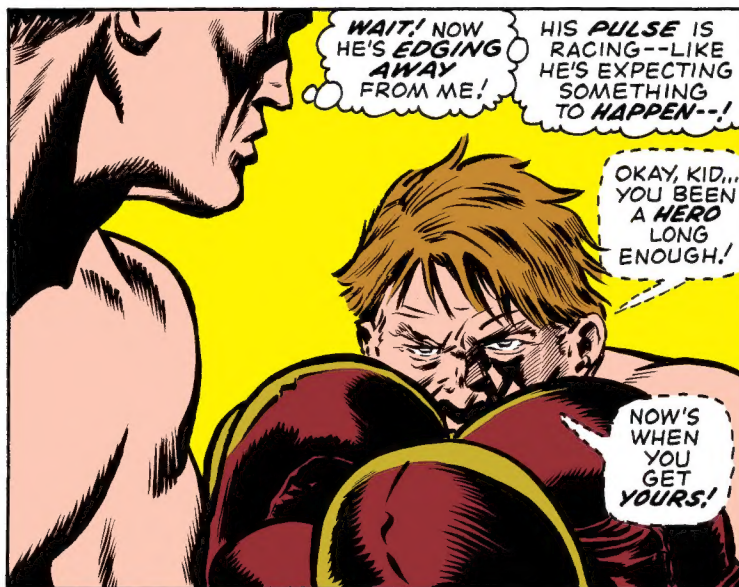


I'M
PUMMELING
AWAY AT
SLOAN
LIKE **MAD!**

IF **KRAGG'S**
GOT A
SECRET
WEAPON,
HE'D BETTER
USE IT
FAST!



WHAT'LL IT
BE, **SLOAN**?
WHAT?



WAIT! NOW HE'S EDGING AWAY FROM ME!

HIS PULSE IS RACING--LIKE HE'S EXPECTING SOMETHING TO HAPPEN--!

OKAY, KID... YOU BEEN A HERO LONG ENOUGH!

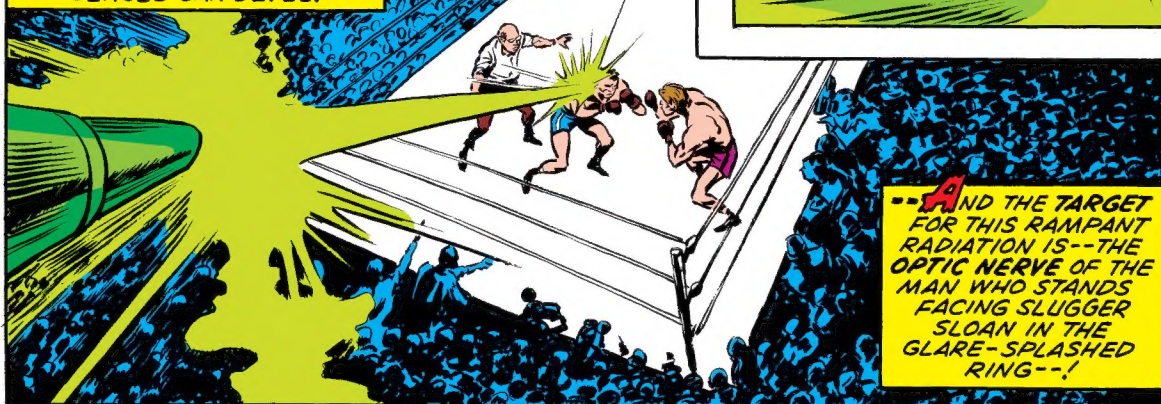
NOW'S WHEN YOU GET YOURS!



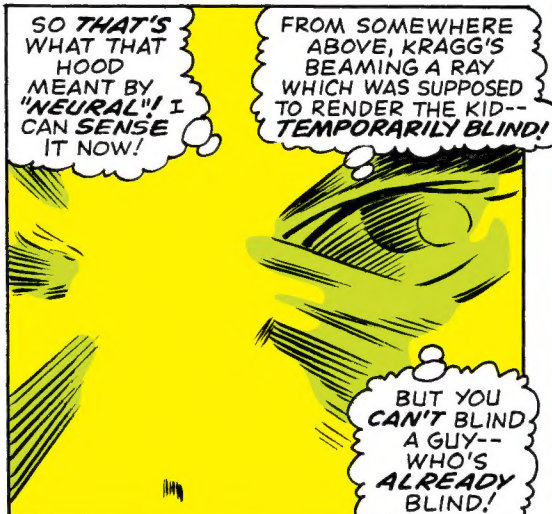
WELL DONE, SLOAN! WELL DONE!

YOU'VE GIVEN KRAGG HIS OPENING --AND NOW--

--AND NOW, A BEAM OF INDESCRIBABLE ENERGY LAMBASTS THE DISGUISED FORM OF MATT MURDOCK-- BOMBARDS HIM WITH INVISIBLE PARTICLES WHICH ONLY HIS HYPER-DEVELOPED SENSES CAN DETECT--



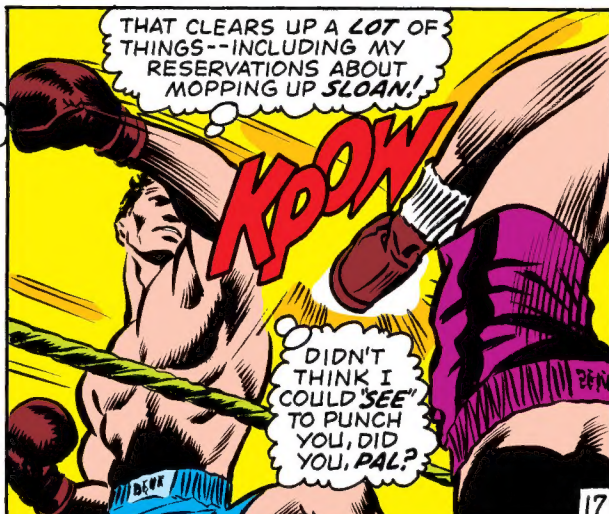
--AND THE TARGET FOR THIS RAMPANT RADIATION IS--THE OPTIC NERVE OF THE MAN WHO STANDS FACING SLUGGER SLOAN IN THE GLARE-SPLASHED RING--!



SO THAT'S WHAT THAT HOOD MEANT BY "NEURAL"! I CAN SENSE IT NOW!

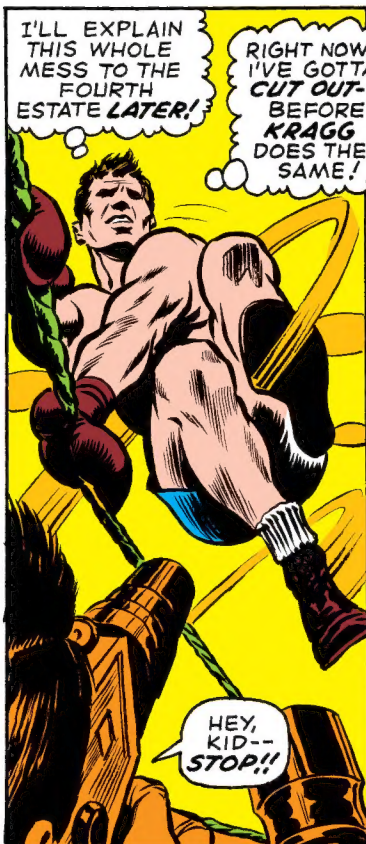
FROM SOMEWHERE ABOVE, KRAGG'S BEAMING A RAY WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO RENDER THE KID--TEMPORARILY BLIND!

BUT YOU CAN'T BLIND A GUY--WHO'S ALREADY BLIND!



THAT CLEARS UP A LOT OF THINGS--INCLUDING MY RESERVATIONS ABOUT MOPPING UP SLOAN!

DIDN'T THINK I COULD "SEE" TO PUNCH YOU, DID YOU, PAL?



I'LL EXPLAIN THIS WHOLE MESS TO THE FOURTH ESTATE **LATER!**

RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOTTA **CUT OUT--** BEFORE **KRAGG** DOES THE SAME!

HEY, KID--
STOP!!



WHAT'S *WITH* THAT GUY, ANYHOW?

HE FINISHED SLOAN WITH ONE **HAYMAKER--** AND DIDN'T EVEN WAIT FOR THE REF TO DECLARE HIM A **WINNER!**

THE GARDEN'S GOING **WILD!** GOT TO FIND **MATT--** SO HE DOESN'T GET HIMSELF **HURT!**

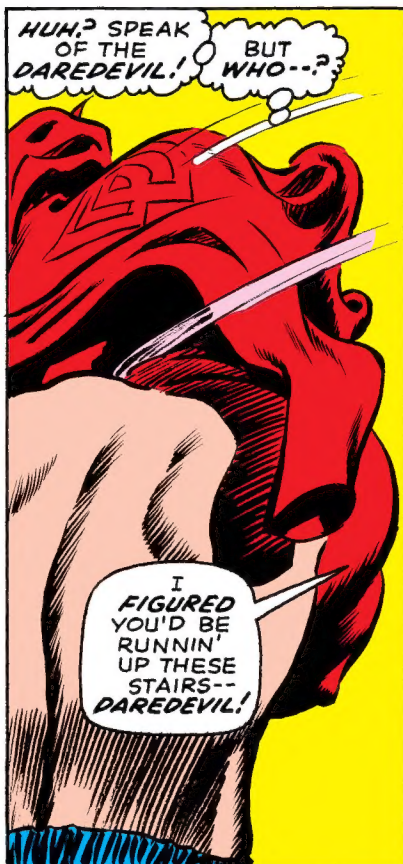


I DETECTED **FOGGY'S** HEARTBEAT BACK THERE-- BUT I COULDN'T **STOP!**

MY SENSE OF **DIRECTION** TELLS ME THE **RAY** I FELT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE-- **UP THESE STAIRS!**

FEEL FUNNY IN THESE **BOXING TRUNKS**, THOUGH!

WISH I HAD TIME TO RETRIEVE MY **DD** OUTFIT!



HUH? SPEAK OF THE **DAREDEVIL!**

BUT WHO--?

I FIGURED YOU'D BE RUNNIN' UP THESE STAIRS-- **DAREDEVIL!**



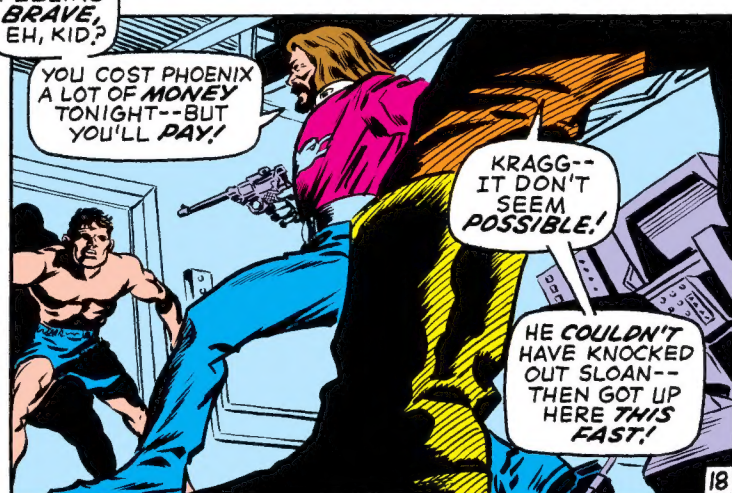
YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT MY NAME'S **POP FENTON!**

I FOUND YOUR TOGS IN THE KID'S ROOM-- AND PUT TWO AN' TWO TOGETHER!

POP!

BUT **HURRY--** I THINK THE KID'S IN **TROUBLE!**

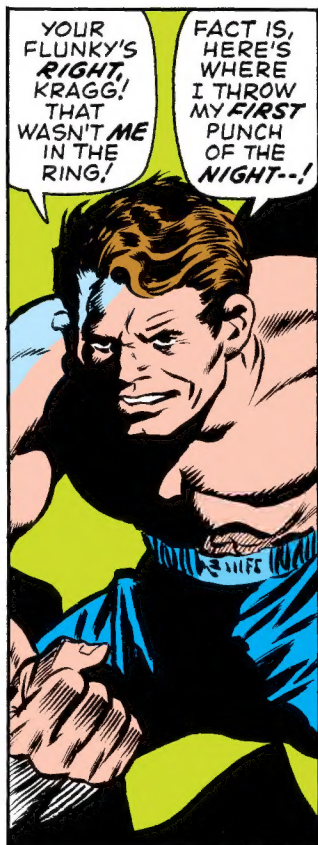
SO-- FEELING **BRAVE**, EH, KID?

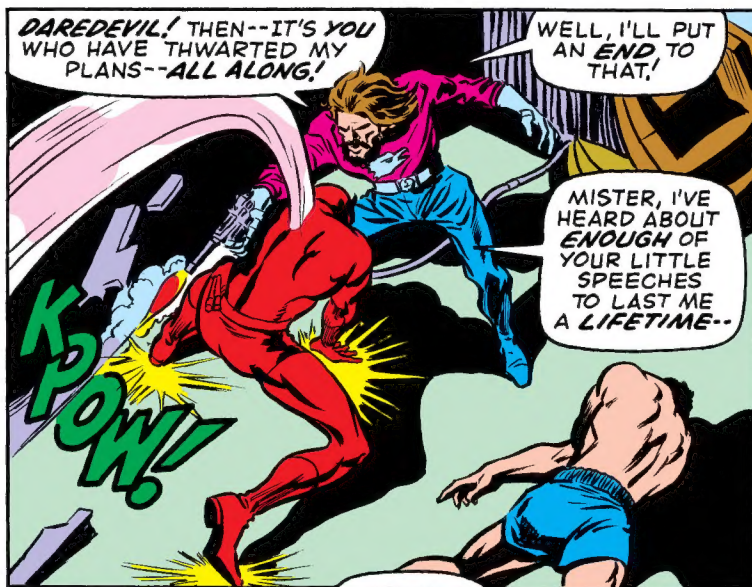


YOU COST PHOENIX A LOT OF **MONEY** TONIGHT--BUT YOU'LL **PAY!**

KRAGG-- IT DON'T SEEM **POSSIBLE!**

HE COULDN'T HAVE KNOCKED OUT SLOAN-- THEN GOT UP HERE **THIS FAST!**





DAREDEVIL! THEN--IT'S YOU WHO HAVE THWARTED MY PLANS--ALL ALONG!

WELL, I'LL PUT AN END TO THAT!

MISTER, I'VE HEARD ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOUR LITTLE SPEECHES TO LAST ME A LIFETIME--



SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO ME A FAVOR--



...SORRY I WAS A MITE SLOW GETTIN' HERE, FELLA!

THE OLD LEGS AINT ALL THEY USED TO BE!

FORGET IT, POP!

THANK THE LORD! I DIDN'T LEARN JUST WHAT KRAGG WAS PLANNIN'--OR ABOUT THE MACHINE--TILL JUST BEFORE THE FIGHT!

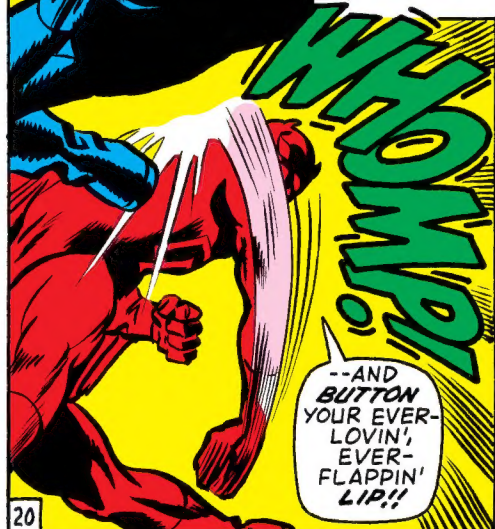
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT GADGET MALFUNCTIONED--DIDN'T BLIND YOU--OR YOU'D BE STRETCHED OUT IN THE RING RIGHT NOW--



AT LEAST--THE KID'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!



--AND THE KID WOULD BE DEAD!



--AND BUTT ON YOUR EVER-LOVIN', EVER-FLAPPIN' LIP!!

NOW, IF YOU'LL PARDON ME, DD...I GOTTA GO TAKE CARE'A MY FIGHTER!

YOU DO THAT, POP! TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM!

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH LIKE HIM IN THIS WORLD...NOT NEARLY ENOUGH...!



THE BLACK PANTHER!